

2nd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him.

I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:32-34

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Saturday, January 17

5:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ORABONA AND TANTIMONACO FAMILIES by Lucille A. Orabona

Sunday, January 18 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 GIANNI A. PERFETTO (Birthday Remembrance) by Denise Allen

Noon EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

1:00 JAMES CALLARY (deceased) by family (Birthday Remembrance)

6:00 RITA C. SULLIVAN (deceased)

Monday, January 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

NO 12PM MASS

Tuesday, January 20 Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

12:00 ROGER & VIRGINIA LANGEIER (deceased) by family

Wednesday, January 21 Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

12:00 JOSE VARQUEZ (deceased) by the Varquez family

Thursday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

12:00 DEIDRE J. LAVALLEE (deceased) by parishioner

Friday, January 23 Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

12:00 BARBARA PRIMEAU (deceased) by Alan and Diane Costantino

Saturday, January 24 Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:00 ESTELLE HENEBOURY (deceased) by family (24th Anniversary Remembrance)

RONALD BOEHM (deceased) by Haley Kelly (Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday, January 25 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 DOROTHY VALLERIO (deceased) by Carolyn Surabian

Noon EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

1:00 ROBERT STEFANO (deceased) by Brenda Ramirez

6:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CABRAL AND SULLIVAN FAMILIES

JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILY

By registering at a parish, you are declaring your desire to be part of a Catholic faith community. If you have recently moved to the area or if you are a long-time resident, please consider registering here at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul.

TOP REASONS TO REGISTER AT A PARISH

A sense of belonging and identity in a parish community. It is a commitment to practice your faith. Registration enables the parish priest and staff to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you. This is especially important during a time of crisis so that the pastoral staff can attend to your spiritual needs and the needs of your family. Registration helps you stay connected with your parish and helps your parish stay connected with you. Providing your contact information is important so that parishes provide you timely updates via email, direct mail, phone, etc.

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LOG ONTO OUR WEBSITE AT:

www.providencecathedral.org and click on "Join us as a Cathedral Parishioner" from the "Learn More" drop down menu.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes for Teen Confirmation Grades 9-12 will be held on: **Monday, January 26 at 6:30pm**

Classes for First Holy Communion and for children Grades 1-8 will be held on: **Saturday, January 24 at 10:30am**.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

O. C. I. A.:

Wednesday, January 21 — 7pm-8:30pm

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, January 21 — 7pm-8:30pm

For information please contact Sister Esmeralda at 401-824-9608

The Wisdom of the Saints

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: 'The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me and I in Him.'

*Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Feast Day—January 24*

FROM THE RECTOR - Monsignor Anthony Mancini

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to share with you the following meditation:

Behold the Lamb

How suddenly the Christmastide interval comes to an end! For nearly three weeks we have been playing truant from the grim school of life, among sights and sounds that brought back our childhood; the mystery of a cave, and the warm smell of a stable.

And then the Epiphany octave has for its tailpiece the gaunt figure of Saint John, pointing to the Man he has baptized and saying: "Look, this is the Lamb of God!" Just as we are wrapping away the last sheep from the Crib...[we are] reminded that the lamb's role is to be a victim! That is what the Baptist will have meant; to the Jewish mind, the lamb was not particularly a type of innocence. The last present the Wise Men brought was, after all, the wisest; Simeon was right—this Child was to be a sign men would refuse to recognize. The shadow of the Passion has fallen over our rejoicings.

Yes, it is like Saturday night in the schoolroom; our toys must be put away. At all times there have been Christians who were so far betrayed into error by temperament or by false logic, as to think that nature was utterly tainted by the Fall, that God's gifts were only snares, that we must refuse all comfort, fight shy of all mirth, shake our heads over all enjoyment. Against that wet-blanket doctrine, Christmas is a salutary protest; God suckled by a Mother's milk, among friendly creatures, recognized by simple hearts—yes, Bethlehem is the antidote. But Bethlehem—heaven finding a home on earth—is not all. Jordan, too, has its place in the Christian philosophy; baptismal Jordan, the type of death, and separation, and penance for wrong done. God's gifts are not simply his birthday presents; they are the stepping-stones of mortification as well.

By all means let us wish one another—ourselves even—a comfortable new year. But we might steel ourselves with the resolution not to demand comfort as a right or cling to it.

MONSIGNOR RONALD A. KNOX

Monsignor Knox († 1957) was a British Catholic apologist and translator of the Bible.



A Solemn Mass in honor of Our Lady of Altgracia will be celebrated here at the Cathedral on **Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m.** All are welcome to attend. The Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bruce A. Lewandowski, C.Ss.R., Bishop of Providence, and concelebrated by priests and assisted by deacons who serve in parishes with Hispanic communities throughout the diocese. Before the Mass, there will be confessions and the recitation of the Holy Rosary at 5:30 p.m.

Gospel Meditation ~ Deeper Understanding of Scripture

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 1:29-34

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: "**Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God**" (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

*Father John Muir
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"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Our Lady of Altgracia Mass